

DADE HERITAGE TRUST BOARD MEETING  
March 13, 1975

1. Call to order
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Announcements
  - A. Oral History Seminar - April 5th
5. Committee Reports
  - A. Survey
  - B. Tour Book  
Letter from Barbara Hofstat
  - C. Merrick Manor
  - D. Program - Is Railroad film available for next meeting on May 20?  
If so consider inviting railroad club members
  - E. Others
6. Old Business
  - A. Key West Erip  
Need flyer
  - B. National Preservation Week  
Postal Cancellation Stamp  
Dinner - Honorary Members
7. New Business
  - A. Establish policy re speaking for DHT  
Consider creating a position of executive vice president or some such  
to appear before government bodies, etc.
  - B. Statement on Anderson's Corners, Hialeah, Pinewood Cemetery
  - C. Miami News Building and 1976 Hemispheric Conference for Women
  - D. Community Development Funds
  - E. Garage Sale - Country Store - set date for fall
  - F. Membership - plan recruiting coffee for fall  
Each Trustee take newsletter and application and mail to a friend.
  - G. General Meeting - Tuesday, March 18 - bring people- refreshments
  - H. Next Board Meeting - April 10 - Where? - Election of Officers.
8. Adjournment

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1. President Dolly McIntyre called meeting to order at 8:35 P.M.
2. Corrections were made to minutes (a) Miss Jessie's correct name is Jessie Porter Newton (b) Key West trip changed from April 12-13 to 18-20 to take advantage of reduced hotel rates starting April 15.
3. Treasurer Dot Young reported balance of \$1756.20.
4. Dolly McIntyre announced a seminar on oral history would be presented by Third Century U.S.A. at Miami Dade Community College downtown campus April 5, Sat. from 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 4:30.
5. Survey committee reported it's latest activity is helping the guidebook committee plan tours.
6. President read a letter from Ms. Barbara Hofstat, editor of the West Palm guidebook which was in reply to requests for information on how they got their book printed.
7. Dot Young reported she had inquired how to get a charity day at the race track, application must be made 30 days in advance and be approved by the state, the track handles all details after application is made. advised that
8. Sam Boldrick/the railroad film is not available for DHT April general meeting. Suggestions were made to use the public library film "Miami Makes a Million" or films from Coral Gables City Hall collection. However, the latter was not approved because Prof. Woody Wilking was to give an illustrated lecture on Coral Gables Architecture at the HAST meeting April 9, 8:00 P.M. at the Historical Museum.
9. Sally Jude announced the Key West weekend sponsored by DHT April 18-20 would include at a cost of \$80 to members and \$85 non-members:
  1. a house tour
  2. the film viewing "Outpost in Time" produced by WFTS-TV
  3. visit to Martello towers
  4. conch train ride
  5. visit to naval base and little White House
  6. possibility of Mr. Ed Swift, involved in the restorations on Duval St. giving an illustrated speech at the old Armory.
  7. evening cocktail party in the gardens of Jessie Porter Newton's home

Sally said Miss Jessie had suggested we invite complimentary guests-of notable people such as Mrs. George Merrick. However, DHT is unable to do this. Sally and Dolly said a descriptive flyer about the Key West weekend would be made up and invitations extended to as many people as possible.

It was suggested we try to get a speaker to talk about the Key West Old Island Foundation's experience with preservation laws. Sally pointed out there is much difficulty enforcing these laws, especially zoning, that a shrimp market was planned across from her Key West home which she was fighting.

Mary Dorsey asked if a trip to Ft. Jefferson could be included in the Key West weekend and Sally replied it could not because of time and expense, that those interested in Ft. Jefferson could contact the Tropical



Audobon Society which had a trip to Ft. Jeffersen planned for May.

Sally reported a deposit of \$25 non refundable unless trip was cancelled would be required to reserve space for the trip, she needed to know how many could attend by April 2 to inform the manager of the Pier House Motel rates would be \$24 double, that is for April 18 and 19th or \$12 per night double occupancy or \$25 extra for the 2 nights for singles.

Planned schedule for trip would be depart Friday April 18 at 6 P.M. from Sally Jude's where there is ample parking space aboard chartered bus have cocktail party aboard bus (it was agreed this is not in violation of any rules) arrive about 8:30 P.M. for supper at the Coral Grill arrive Key West 10:30 P.M. stay at Pier House Motel. For "nightowls" Sam Boldrick would lead tour of the nightspots.

Sat. April 19 Organized day begins at 9:00 A.M.

1. ride conch train
2. tour houses
3. lunch 1 to 2:30
4. tour little White House
5. 4 to 6 P.M. free time
6. Dinner Jessie Newton's garden

Sun. April 20 schedule merely discussed, would include visit to Armory and Martello Towers departure early in afternoon for Miami to enjoy beautiful trip across Florida Keys with special commentary on same.

8. Joe Harrison discussed problems of restoration of Biltmore especially building code restrictions and asked for DHT to take an official stand on this. There was general agreement that something must be done to make it easier for restoration efforts but DHT at this time could not make an official stand.
9. Motion was ~~made~~ <sup>passed</sup> that Joe Harrison and John Gibson be co-chairman of a committee to study the problems mentioned by Joe, to approach the county to learn about the building code and seek ways to aid restoration projects. Their report to be ready in a couple months.
10. Pres. Dolly MCINTYRE announced Nat. Pres. week is May 12-18. DHT is planning a dinner at Allan Bliss' Commodore Rowing and Sailing Club with a speaker on appropriate topic and nominate honorary members to DHT such as Margery Stoneman Douglas, these people would also be advisors to our organization. Dolly offered her home as alternate locale for Nat. Pres. Week dinner.
11. Pres. mentioned need to establish a criteria for speaking out on DHT sponsored projects so an unauthorized person cannot embarrass the organization by making a commitment not approved by Board of TRUSTEES. Joe Harrison asked if Anderson Corners merited official support by DHT it was explained that in opinion of Dolly McIntyre and Mary Dorsey, the only ones who had investigated the matter Anderson's Corners should be preserved but DHT had only been supporting citizens efforts to save it and had not initiated anything. This led to a discussion that in future it would be desirable to have a review committee to select which preservation efforts DHT considered worthy of its support, it was pointed out ~~xxx~~ that when we are asked for help there is usually no time to contact Trustees to get approval because we meet bimonthly and there

is a rush to try to save the site from the bulldozer. It is an awkward situation to refuse help of any kind when one of DHT functions is to encourage local efforts and interest in preservation. No decision on the matter was made.

12. Pres. Read a letter from Ms. Mona Lightfoot of the 1976 Hemispheric Conference for Women expresses interest in investigating the use of the Freedom Tower by her organization and asking Dade Heritage Trust to aid them. Motion was passed in favor of this request.
13. John Gibson mentioned Key Biscayne group's interest in ex-President Richard Nixon's Key Biscayne home as a historic site to be preserved asked if DHT would support this. No action taken by Board.
14. DHT general meeting March 18 8:00 P.M. Historical Museum announced, Speaker Gigi Caldwell, A.I.D. on "RESTORATION OF HOMES."
15. Dot Young offered her home for April 10 8:00 P.M. Board meeting at which new Trustees will be introduced and officers appointed to serve 1975-1976 term.
16. Meeting adjourned by Pres. Dolly Mc Intyre at 10:45 P.M.
17. Sally Jude introduced her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilkerson, he is with the Miami Herald, editor of Key West portion and interested in preservation. Pres. Dolly Mc Intyre welcomed them and told them of Dade Heritage Trust and its goals.

Minutes by Mary C. Dorsey Secretary Dade Heritage Trust.